

The Racing Committee was called to order at 1:16 p.m. by Driver/Trainer Committee Chair, Jeff Gregory.

1. Roll was taken electronically. Present were: Jeff Gregory, Dr. Andy Roberts, Ashley Tetrick, Ben Kenney, Bob Miecuna, Bruce Alexander, Casey Leonard, Chris Antonacci, Chris McErlean, Dan Ater, David Siegel, Dein Spriggs, Don Marean, Gabe Wand, George Ducharme, Jacquie Ingrassia, Jason Bluhm, Jason Roth, Jason Settlemoir, Jay Cross, Jim Reynolds, Joe Faraldo, Joe Frasure, John Hensley, John Matarazzo, Dr. John Mossbarger, Jordan Stratton, Kim Crawford, Lenny Calderone, Marilyn Breuer-Bertera, Mark Loewe, Mark Ford, Mike Torcello, Mike Kimelman, Mile Sweeney, Ray Schnitker, Rich Gillock, Royal Roland, Russell Williams, Sam Hedington, Sam Lilly, Scott Warren, Skip Hoovler, Steve Oldford, Steve O'Toole, Dr. Tim Powers, Todd Haight

2. **Regulatory Committee Update**

HRMC – Joe Faraldo gave an update on research projects for medications such as Clenbuterol and provided information about HRMC's rebuttal to RMTC criticism and ARCI . Separate rules for separate breeds should be uniformly allowed. He does not see the federal legislation opening up for separate rules for Standardbreds.

Urging Committee Update – Chris Antonacci went over the composition and reasoning behind the 25-person committee. The drafting subcommittee – McCoy, Siegel, Stratton, Yannick Gingras, David Magee and TC Lane – created a “modernized whipping rule” (for Rule 18.08) and proposed it to the racing committee to approve to present to the full board for a vote. Dein Spriggs posed some questions and needed clarification about the offenses and fines. Antonacci then asked that the rule change proposal be taken off the table and voted on. The Committee approved that the rule change proposal be voted on with all the other rule change proposals.

3. **2021 Proposed Rule Changes** The committee considered and acted upon the proposals as follows:

- Proposal #1 – Rejected
- Proposal #2 – Rejected
- Proposal #3 – Rejected
- Proposal #4 – Rejected
- Proposal #5 – Rejected
- Proposal #6 – Rejected
- Proposal #7 – Rejected
- Proposal #8 – Rejected
- Proposal #9 – Rejected
- Proposal #10 – Rejected
- Proposal #11 – Approved, as amended
- Proposal #12 – Approved
- Proposal #13 – Rejected
- Proposal #15 – Rejected
- Proposal #17 – Approved
- Proposal #18 – Approved

4. **Fairs Committee Update**

Chairman Hoovler asked for any state reports. Marean, Roland, Gillock and Hoovler reported on Maine, Iowa, Pennsylvania, and Ohio fair racing, respectively, as it related to 2020 COVID-19 protocols and plans for moving forward in 2021. Jessica Schroeder gave a brief overview of, and encouraged Directors to view, fairs.ustrotting.com for the "Find a Fair" feature, which now includes automatically updated fair track records, Matching Funds Grant information and more.

5. **Pari-Mutuel Committee Update**

Chairman Loewe encouraged Directors to keep on top of what is going on politically in their local communities and in Washington DC; items such as fixed odds wagering and HISA can impact everyone. Loewe also called for everyone to be more creative then yielded the floor to Steve O'Toole, who made a presentation for consideration of prop bets.

6. **Driver/Trainer Committee Update**

Michele Kopiec gave an update on the online driver/trainer exam testing as well as on the Driver/Trainer Voluntary program through Van Gundy Insurance.

As there were no other matters to come before the committee, the meeting was adjourned at 2:39 p.m.